

of their fleets and be held accountable to minimize those costs. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 29, 1995*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 445 and 446 on H.R. 1868.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 445, and "no" on rollcall No. 446.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON HOYER AMENDMENT ON H.R. 1561

**HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 1995*

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, I voted "No" on rollcall No. 362, an amendment offered by Mr. HOYER to the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995. Mr. HOYER's amendment declares that the United States supports the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to defend itself against aggression, and directs the President to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government. As you recall, the amendment passed 318-99.

Like my colleagues in the House, I am troubled by the horrific violence and blatant human rights abuses in the Balkans and frustrated by the continued failure to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Furthermore, I share my colleagues' good intentions of seeing the devastating war in Bosnia come to an end or at least allowing the Bosnian government to defend itself against Serbian aggression.

However, I feel it would not be wise to act on this matter over the objections of our NATO allies in Europe who remain opposed to lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia. Given that it is their troops who are on the line and that a rapid escalation in fighting would put our friends in Europe in harm's way, I cannot support lifting the arms embargo at this time. In all, I am convinced that the United States should work with NATO before making any dramatic shift in our policy toward Bosnia. To do otherwise will only weaken our valuable alliance with NATO.

HONORING JOSEPH PICKLE, CLYDE McMAHON, SR., JOHN TAYLOR, AND OWEN IVIE

**HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 30, 1995*

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, the Texas State Senate recently passed resolutions honoring four of its native sons who reside in Big

Spring, TX. Big Spring is in the 17th District of Texas which I am privileged to represent here in the House.

Joseph "Joe" Pickle, a retired editor of the Big Spring Herald who, for more than 46 years, has chronicled the history of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Joe has worked very hard on behalf of the water district, and has served as the only secretary-treasurer they have ever had. In addition, he has been a tireless advocate for the Big Spring community and plays an active role in civic affairs.

Clyde McMahon, Sr., a long-time Big Spring resident who served as the operator of McMahon Concrete for more than 25 years. During Clyde's service with the Colorado Municipal Water District, no city under its jurisdiction ever had to curtail or ration the use of water. In addition to his invaluable service to the water district, he has donated his time and leadership skills to numerous civic and community activities.

After 31 years of loyal service to the public, John L. Taylor is retiring as a member of the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. With John's guidance, the district underwent a \$40 million expansion, and he provided outstanding leadership when he served as president during the completion of the Lake Ivie Reservoir and pipeline project. John has given generously of his time to other worthy community activities.

Owen H. Ivie is a well-known engineer and public servant, and has garnered numerous awards relating to his profession. His leadership in obtaining a permit for a reservoir was so appreciated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District board of directors that they named the reservoir the "O.H. Ivie Reservoir" in his honor. His knowledge and expertise, as demonstrated by a long and successful career, have certainly made him worthy of legislative recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that the Texas Senate resolutions honoring these four outstanding individuals be included in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I would also like to thank and commend them for their dedicated service to Big Spring and to the great State of Texas.

## SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to pay tribute to Owen H. Ivie on the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the position of general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, The Colorado River Municipal Water District was created in 1949; since that time, with no local, state, or federal taxes involved in the funding of any district project, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has developed three reservoirs along the Colorado River in West Texas to help ensure a long-term water supply for the region; and

Whereas, As a promising young man Owen Ivie joined the water district on January 1, 1953, after having served as project superintendent for Freese and Nichols on the Lake Thomas project; his talents and abilities were quickly recognized, and he rose rapidly through the ranks; and

Whereas, He became assistant general manager in 1958; on April 22, 1965, this exemplary public servant was named general manager; and

Whereas, Characteristics of his tenure are ability, responsiveness, and commitment to do what is best for the citizens of Texas; and

Whereas, Noted for his honesty and integrity, Mr. Ivie has earned the respect and friendship of his colleagues; and

Whereas, Well known in his profession, he has been honored several times: he was named Engineer of the Year by the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers in 1964; Conservationist of the Year for 1986 by the Texas Water Conservation Association and Man of the Year in 1986 by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, This distinguished gentleman was presented the Service to the People Award by the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in October, 1986, was named president of the Texas Water Conservation Association in 1988, and in 1990, was named Outstanding West Texan by the Texas Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Upon completion of the district's Stacy project in 1990, the Colorado River Municipal Water District's Board of Directors named the reservoir in honor of Mr. Ivie, who had overseen the arduous process relating to the permitting of what is now known as the O. H. Ivie Reservoir; and

Whereas, Throughout his long and successful career, he has been supported and sustained by his lovely wife, Yvonne, and their three daughters; and

Whereas, The State of Texas has benefited enormously from the wisdom and expertise of this illustrious public servant, and he is certainly deserving of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 74th Legislature, hereby commend the life of service of Owen H. Ivie and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of the highest esteem of the Texas Senate.

## SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joseph "Joe" Pickle on the momentous occasion of his retirement as secretary-treasurer of the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, The Colorado River Municipal Water District was created by the 51st Legislature on May 31, 1949; since that time, with no local, state, or federal taxes levied for the funding of any district project, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has developed three reservoirs along the Colorado River in West Texas to help ensure a long-term water supply for the region; and

Whereas, For more than 46 years, this outstanding gentleman has chronicled the history of the water district; he has served as the only secretary-treasurer of the Colorado River Municipal Water District and has attended 316 out of a total of 324 meetings; and

Whereas, He attended the first organizational meeting of the district in 1946 as an employee of the Big Spring Herald; Joe Pickle has been on the job ever since; he retired from the newspaper as its editor in 1975 and continued to serve the district by taking on the additional duties of media liaison as well as serving as secretary-treasurer; and

Whereas, Concerned about the well-being of the residents of West Texas, he has been active in the on-going promotion of Big Spring, West Texas, and the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, A former president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, he has also been recognized by that organization as Man of the year; and

Whereas, A man who believes in giving back to his community, he has been instrumental in many community projects; and

Whereas, A longtime supporter of Boy Scouts, he has been presented the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor; he is